

5.4 Answers

Further A-Level Pure Mathematics, Core 2

Improper Integrals

5.4.1 Solution to Example 5.2 (Teaching Video)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Volume} &= \pi \int_a^b x^2 dy \\ &= \pi \int_2^\infty \frac{1}{y (\ln y)^2} dy \\ &= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_2^t \left(\frac{1}{y} \right) (\ln y)^{-2} dy\end{aligned}$$

Notice that this is of the form $f'(y) [f(y)]^n$ which is a “chain rule backwards”

$$\begin{aligned}&= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-(\ln y)^{-1} \right]_2^t \\ &= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{\ln t} + \frac{1}{\ln 2} \right] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{\ln 2}\end{aligned}$$

[5 marks]

5.4.2 Solutions to Exercise 5.3

Answer 1

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Volume} &= \pi \int_a^b x^2 dy \\ &= \pi \int_1^\infty \frac{(y+1)^2}{y^6} dy \\ &= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{y^2 + 2y + 1}{y^6} dy \\ &= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t y^{-4} + 2y^{-5} + y^{-6} dy \\ &= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{3y^3} - \frac{2}{4y^4} - \frac{1}{5y^5} \right]_1^t \\ &= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{3t^3} - \frac{1}{2t^4} - \frac{1}{5t^5} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5} \right] \\ &= \frac{31\pi}{30}\end{aligned}$$

[5 marks]

Answer 2

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Volume} &= \pi \int_a^b y^2 dx \\
&= \pi \int_0^\infty \frac{x}{(1 + 4x^2)^2} dx \\
&= \frac{\pi}{8} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t 8x (1 + 4x^2)^{-2} dx
\end{aligned}$$

Notice that this is of the form $f'(x)[f(x)]^n$ which is a “chain rule backwards”

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\pi}{8} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-\frac{1}{1 + 4x^2} \right]_0^t \\
&= \frac{\pi}{8} \left[-\frac{1}{1 + 4t^2} + 1 \right] \\
&= \frac{\pi}{8}
\end{aligned}$$

[5 marks]

Answer 3

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Volume} &= \pi \int_a^b y^2 dx \\
&= \pi \int x^2 e^{-2x} dx \\
&\quad \begin{array}{cccc} L & I & D & I \end{array} \\
&= \pi \left[x^2 \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) e^{-2x} - \int 2x \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) e^{-2x} dx \right] \\
&= \pi \left[-\frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{-2x} + \int x e^{-2x} dx \right] \\
&\quad \begin{array}{cccc} L & I & D & I \end{array} \\
&= \pi \left[-\frac{1}{2} x^2 e^{-2x} + x \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) e^{-2x} - \int 1 \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) e^{-2x} dx \right] \\
&= \frac{\pi}{2} \left[-x^2 e^{-2x} - x e^{-2x} + \int e^{-2x} dx \right] \\
&= \frac{\pi}{2} \left[-x^2 e^{-2x} - x e^{-2x} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} + c \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore \pi \int_0^\infty x^2 e^{-2x} dx &= \frac{\pi}{2} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[-t^2 e^{-2t} - t e^{-2t} - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{2} \right]_0^t \\
&= \frac{\pi}{4}
\end{aligned}$$

[7 marks]

Use L'Hôpital's Rule to prove that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^n e^{-2t} = 0$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

(i) Let $x = 3 \tan \theta$ in which case $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 3 \sec^2 \theta$

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{1}{x^2 + 9} dx &= \int \frac{1}{9 \tan^2 \theta + 9} 3 \sec^2 \theta d\theta \\&= \frac{3}{9} \int \frac{1}{\tan^2 \theta + 1} \sec^2 \theta d\theta \\&= \frac{1}{3} \int \frac{1}{\sec^2 \theta} \sec^2 \theta d\theta \\&= \frac{1}{3} \int 1 d\theta \\&= \frac{1}{3} \theta + c \\&= \frac{1}{3} \arctan\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) + c\end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 + 9} dx &= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\arctan\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \right]_0^t \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\arctan\left(\frac{t}{3}\right) - \arctan\left(\frac{0}{3}\right) \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{\pi}{2} - 0 \right] \\ &= \frac{\pi}{6}\end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{x^2 + 9} dx &= \int \left(\frac{1}{x^2 + 9} \right) (1) dx \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{x^2 + 9} \right) x - \int (-1)(x^2 + 9)^{-2} 2x \times x dx \\ &= \left(\frac{x}{x^2 + 9} \right) + 2 \int \frac{x^2 + 9 - 9}{(x^2 + 9)^2} dx \\ &= \left(\frac{x}{x^2 + 9} \right) + 2 \int \frac{x^2 + 9}{(x^2 + 9)^2} dx - 2 \int \frac{9}{(x^2 + 9)^2} dx \\ \int \frac{1}{x^2 + 9} dx &= \frac{x}{x^2 + 9} + 2 \int \frac{1}{x^2 + 9} dx - 18 \int \frac{1}{(x^2 + 9)^2} dx \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

[4 marks]

(iii)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume} &= \pi \int_a^b y^2 dx \\ &= \pi \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(x^2 + 9)^2} dx \\ &= \frac{\pi}{18} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{x}{x^2 + 9} \right]_0^t + \frac{\pi}{18} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{1}{x^2 + 9} dx \quad \text{from part (ii)} \\ &= \frac{\pi}{18} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{t}{t^2 + 9} - 0 \right] + \frac{\pi}{18} \times \frac{\pi}{6} \quad \text{from part (i)} \\ &= \frac{\pi^2}{108} \end{aligned}$$

[4 marks]

Answer 5

Using Partial Fractions,

$$\frac{4y + 1}{[y^2(y + 1)^2]} = \frac{Ay + B}{y^2} + \frac{Cy + D}{(y + 1)^2}$$

Multiplying through by the red bracket

$$\frac{(4y + 1)[\dots]}{[y^2(y + 1)^2]} = \frac{(Ay + B)[\dots]}{y^2} + \frac{(Cy + D)[\dots]}{(y + 1)^2}$$

$$4y + 1 = (Ay + B)(y + 1)^2 + (Cy + D)y^2$$

$$\text{Let } y = 0 \Rightarrow 1 = B$$

$$\text{Let } y = -1 \Rightarrow -3 = (-C + D)(1) \Rightarrow D = C - 3$$

$$\text{Coefficients of } y^3 : 0 = A + C$$

$$\text{Let } y = 1 \Rightarrow 5 = (A + B)4 + (C + D)$$

$$5 = -4C + 4 + (C + C - 3)$$

$$4 = -2C$$

$$C = -2$$

$$\therefore A = 2, B = 1, C = -2 \text{ and } D = -5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{4y + 1}{y^2(y + 1)^2} &= \frac{2y + 1}{y^2} - \frac{2y + 5}{(y + 1)^2} \\ &= \frac{2}{y} + \frac{1}{y^2} - \frac{2y + 2}{y^2 + 2y + 1} - 3(1)(y + 1)^{-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi \int_1^{\infty} \frac{4y+1}{y^2(y+1)^2} dy &= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^t \frac{2}{y} + \frac{1}{y^2} - \frac{2y+2}{y^2+2y+1} - 3(1)(y+1)^{-2} dy \\
&= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[2 \ln y - \frac{1}{y} - \ln(y^2+2y+1) + \frac{3}{y+1} \right]_1^t \\
&= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln\left(\frac{y^2}{y^2+2y+1}\right) - \frac{1}{y} + \frac{3}{y+1} \right]_1^t \\
&= \pi \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left[\ln\left(\frac{t^2}{t^2+2t+1}\right) - \frac{1}{t} + \frac{3}{t+1} - \ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 1 - \frac{3}{2} \right] \\
&= \pi \left[\ln 1 - 0 + 0 - \ln\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 1 - \frac{3}{2} \right] \\
&= \pi \left[-\ln 4^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} \right] \\
&= \pi \left(\ln 4 - \frac{1}{2} \right) \\
&= \pi \left(2 \ln 2 - \frac{1}{2} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

[11 marks]